First to Last-the Truth: News-Editorials

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### Dangerous Illusions

purpose and desire in Berlin as there was be an illusion and a delusion.

recognizing and welcoming a real change Censorship Which Means Something is most meritorious. Not only is it giving ter than another's, as the issues are too powerful aid to a brave ally, but it is helping vast for comprehension. Under the circumin Germany. We shall do ill to the cause The Administration is to put into effect to lessen a danger to which our own troops stances, we do well to remember the Apostlo's we serve if we contribute to the benefit of to-day a complete censorship of outgoing will be exposed when they reach French soil. the reactionaries in Germany by refusing wireless and cable messages. This step should have been taken at the beginning to recognize a democratic spirit when it of the war. There has been an official comes. But after three years of suffering, censorship of outgoing messages for some These disconcerting questions Mr. John of sacrifice, of horror, the world cannot af- time past. Why it should have been only Galsworthy-it was ever his metier to make Germany. All the men who have died on all the fields of battle from one end of this planet to the other would have died in vain planet to the other would have died in vain.

Description of the strictest possible censorship on outgoing information. Espionage here could have no terrors for us if we knew that the information gathford now to be mistaken in the matter of partial is a mystery.

if we make peace with those who were tral America and South America and only one in 150 is beautiful.

New Nork Cribune be time enough to think of peace when by wireless) will also be delayed long Germany appears before the world pro- enough to make it of little value so far as

because whatever promise there may now German cities shall be plundered and Guard system will pass away on August 5 be in German conditions, that promise ravaged as Germans have plundered and Nor is it likely to be revived after the war.

we permit ourselves to be deceived by re- and tumult there should presently emerge line troops. ports coming from Berlin and represent- a day as clear and unmistakable as the day cruits up to 50 or even 75 ing that there has been a complete change which followed the Russian Revolution, organizations now have a training and Such changes within Germany as have only hope and faith can translate what has line. That is a gain in this emergency to appeal to in the way of honor, and still effect than for our government to hesitate Such changes within derinary and falter in its preparations because peace come to far are unmistakably the result happened into such a promise. The task for which, perhaps, the wretched militia the decent treatment of these unfortunate seemed somewhat the nearer. The military of the pressure of events, but there is not which was undertaken at the beginning of system which is passing may be forgiven people. The threat of condemnation of every machine we are creating must be developed yet any reason to believe that the changes this war may be nearing the end. We something. yet any reason to believe that this war may be hearing the end. We need the hearing the end the hearing the hearing the end the hearing the hear Had Germany experienced a revolution less certainly remember how much evil has warmth of their Godspeed will be a bright, like Russia's; had an old regime with all its flowed from the German spirit and Ger- inspiring memory in a war from which we servants, all its ideals and all its purposes man purpose, recognizing that until that clude everything that is unbusinesslike and been unmistakably wiped out; had there spirit has been conquered on the battle- melodramatic. been a clear and definite expression of field or been abandoned at home peace will

in Petrograd—then no one of the Allied To-day our volunteer militia is gathernations could refuse to hearken to German ing in all its camps from one end of this more prevalent in France than in, perhaps, Fred B. Pitney's article in this morning's proposals for peace by negotiation when country to the other. In all human proba- any of the European countries, and the conthese proposals were made by the men bility these troops will go to France. It ditions of trench warfare have been responwho had abolished the old and spoken for may be that when there is a clear per-Nothing of this sort has happened yet Russian democracy, the American democ- themselves without much aid from the Brit- at any cost, even that of complete defeat, in Germany. No proposal of peace has yet been made by Germany which would defeat of the system of autocracy and of ness of their men. Tuberculosis is theresuggest that there has been a fundamental the spirit of terribleness the end will change in purpose within the German Emchange in purpose within t pire. Such shifts and such changes as we have seen are so confusing that on the same day we have them interpreted as a victory for the liberal element and for the cause we serve by mistaking the fact, and that however terrible to us must seem and in conversion and in the world of ready neglect of the country with the accuse of broken France really hutting the cause of broken France (Mr. Pitney assures us she is broken). We contemplated by the measure pending in the conversion of the secure of the country with the accused is a subject of the country whith the accused is a subject of the country with the accused is a subject of the country with the content to really hutting the cause of broken France (Mr. Pitney assures us she is broken). We contemplated by the measure pending in the cause of broken France (Mr. Pitney assures us she is broken). We contemplated by the measure pending in the really hutting the cause of broken France (Mr. Pitney assures us she is broken). We contemplated by the measure pending in the really hutting the cause of broken France (Mr. Pitney assures us she is broken). We contemplated by junkerdom. More than this, each hour the sacrifice of those we love, we shall cross, is about to take steps with a view to we were not doing more harm than good by

if peace should come at last while the old ered by German agents could not be de Trafalgar Square, Westminster Bridge and in France. order survives in Germany. The voices livered abroad in time to have an influ-of those millions who died do not cry out ence on military operations. The mail is or definitely ugly—not one in five. And out for vengeance, but they do speak for the very slow. It can be censored here (though of the 210 who passed this quite low stand-

their foes and are in fact ours. It will mailed from there (even sent from there

ioin the regulars on the Western fighting

### Tuberculosis in France (From The Medical Record)

ception in Germany that, following the war the French were compelled to defend civilian population who are willing to stop evidences accumulate that a liberal agitation has ended in a junker coup d'état.

It is of utmost importance that we
should keep our minds clear of prejudice.
No bitterness, no honest indignation excited by the past, should prevent us from

### The Ugly Londoner

us feel uncomfortable-puts to the nation. 

### Police Shortcomings

### Intelligent Criticism of Them Never More Desirable

German and Austrian prisoner to a lifelong

AUSTYN GRANVILLE. Bridgeport, Conn., July 10, 1917.

### Not Expedient

To the Editor of The Tribune. Will you permit a reader who has unhesitatingly and cordially approved The
Tribune's stand on almost every phase of this
In all of our war legis

advice, "All things are lawful, but all things To the Editor of The Tribune. are not expedient" for a newspaper in a Again, I would like to ask, in sion Opera Company has arranged to give at last Friday New York lost one of its noble sons, What was the idea!

BEULAH KENNARD. New York, July 13, 1917.

### The American Girls' Aid To the Editor of The Tribune

reached a total of \$97,809.34, are as follows: General fund, total for week ..... \$622.71

New York, July 13, 1917.

# The Constancy of Alsace-Lorraine

### By Daniel Blumenthal

Ex-Mayor of Colmar, in Alsace, and former Deputy in the Reichstag (From the Speech Delivered at Acolian Holl on Bastile Day)

The bond of sympathy which links Alsace- fore the Reichstag in 1874, when for

that day is with us now-and the place

## Germany Begins to Weaken

even more rapidly than before, and even Gerservitude and the economic boycott for, say, many will be full of people like the influential ple, when submarine ruthlessness was determined upon, concerning the probabilities of a var than the United States was dragged into this one by the gambler autocrat and his generals and admirals who controlled the

In all of our war legislation the necessity war to ask with some sense of irritation for rapid movement ahead is apparent. The the more urgently needed on the statute book meace should come next fall or winter. It hould not be forgotten that the moment To the Editor of The Tribune. peace is declared we shall have to feed imthe Central Powers for simple humanitarian Germany and Austria-Hungary will be most of the firm of Keuffel & Esser, of Hoboken,

control they must defy those growing groups United States government, ings are now reflected in the Reichstag dem- | ticularly lax when it permits a contractor to

### Opera at Columbia

the name of those who are sending their Columbia University eight operas during the period in which the students are attending

and calls for help from every side

JAMES C. EGBERT.

to warrant a relaxation of the pressure or our ears to be deafened by what has chance is given them to parade, before the government of deceiving the German peobreak with America. By our deeds we should now drive home the truth that never was a great power more recklessly dragged into war than the United States was dragged into 100,000?

Sir: You have heard that the Summer Ses-

New York, July 13, 1917, Director. New York, July 15, 1917.

# Not a Time for Faltering Prohibition and Crime

# America Must Speed Up Now That Doubt as to the Close Connection

non-drinkers commit crimes. Is total absti- tight for freedom and have never for a

crime, why do the last census reports show the present condition of Ireland, Would that dry Kansas had 91.1 sentenced prisoners Johnston be prepared to claim that cents had only 55.1 per 100,000?

If prohibition decreases insanity, why has he rate of insane persons increased 83 nor cent in dry Maine and 94 per cent in dry Does the lapse of time make wrong

These are facts of official record-not opin-

ions of individuals or organizations. I do not want to know about Norway. I want the facts about the United States. New York, July 14, 1917. MODERATE.

### Penalties for Disloyalty

reasons. The cry for American foodstuffs in native of Germany) of one of the members exigent and moving as soon as the war stops. | was fined \$5 by Recorder Adolf Carsten of Suppose it stops next winter or spring, before that city for shouting: "Three cheers for the the new harvest of 1918 can be reaped or Kaiser!" and "To hell with the United

I think it will be the opinion of most peoplus is not fully safeguarded by law, as is ple that the offence, in view of the fact that

were. Even if the militarists maintain their gaged in making periscopes, etc., for the Ireland can never build a great fleet # It seems to me that the government is par-

onstrations in support of the peace formula employ Germans in confidential or other posi-of "no annexations and no indemnities." We can best aid the peace party in Germany by ably transmit information to the enemies of ourselves defying the military chiefs and the United States.

New York, July 13, 1917. PERISCOPE.

### Thomas F. Keating To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In the death of Thomas F. Keating on

citizens. Born in Pittsburgh, his father an Switzerland, and inheriting the best qualities To the Editor of The Tribune. We are opening these performances to the of both races, he left an impression of high general public, although the impression has character and action upon all who knew him. column of "The New World" editorial been that this is not so, and the opera com- He had high courage, unblemished integrity pany is devoting the net income to the Na-tional Special Aid Society, Aviation Depart- of New York since 1869, there never was an Lay of 281 West Twenty-first Street, \$5 Sir: The American Girls' Aid has shipped ment. We should like to have your assist- effort for its political uplift but had his since its organization 9.092 cases of clothing ance in making this known, so that the cerest support. I knew him to save the fortand other relief supplies to the war sufferers in France.

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We have called upon you for aid, as such principles in accepting it. Those who assoan undertaking is of civic interest. You realto date 240 orphan children are being cared like that this is an extraordinary proposition sonal loss, for to his other merits he added a warm and steadfast heart. DANIEL J. PHELAN, M. D.

The Future of Erin Dissent from Mr. Johnston's View,

the O'Connor Mission

Passaic, N. J., July 12, 1917.

nence the cause?

If it is true that prohibition diminishes we will then have a very fair analogy we will then have a very fair analogy.

many has to govern Belgium? RICHARD C. POWD New Rochelle, N. Y., July 14, 1917.

## An Independent Ireland?

To the Editor of The Tribune, Sir: You print to-day two letters of ing my note on "The Ambassador from land." An old adage says: "Never and

criticism"; therefore, I shall content a

in name; she can never be independed fact. I leave out, for the moment, Engle side of the matter the certainty that using Belgium, to "point a sword at

many seeks world dominion; she is own, able to conquer the German flect-must, perforce, be protected by the Bri-flect, as she is at this moment protects that fleet. She is, through the unchange necessity of the case, dependent on the sh Empire in fact, quite regardless of

Irishmen must have the intellectual esty to recognize that. They must fer f they would save their souls and their ion's soul, forget their grievances, remaginary, and throw themselves hear soul into the great spiritual battle now to Bergenfield, N. J., July 14, 1917.

### A Prophet

Sir: In the last two paragraphs in the ley, of 261 West Twenty-first Street, at beginning of this year. At that time he people would in February fear our immed likely not occur until March; that would see Russia "occupying the limely

He also stated the men in the tres Were to end the war, probably in Septem His forecasts are made with the science numbers used by Pythagoras. QUINCEL

Brooklyn, July 15, 1917.